

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Joseph Spencer House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lapidum Road

CITY, TOWN

Lapidum

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☒ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- ☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- ☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

- ☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #: 267-5656

STREET & NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

___ VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 782

Folio #: 524

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☒ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This structure has been torn down and the following description is taken from an earlier survey done by Jean S. Ewing.

"Frame house, asphalt shingle over clapboard. L-shaped, a lean-to kitchen has a large chimney and may have been the original house. The main part faces south, 3 bays by 1, with windows six lights over six. The ridgeline runs east-west, the roof is A shaped. One chimney rises along on inside wall to peak."

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD**

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☐ 1800-1899
☒ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES**BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This building was built much later than most of the structures in Lapidum, as it does not appear on the Martenet map. It was probably built in the 1890's by Joseph Spencer, who may have been related to Jarrett Spencer, the owner of a local tavern.

Both the Spencer lots and the lots on the other side of the hotel were owned by a Joseph L. Burkins. The other lots once contained a house that was first owned by Benjamin Heath, one of the proprietors of the large warehouse in the town. During the 1870's, Mary E. Stephenson operated a bakery from the building.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Land Records
Martenet's Map of 1878
Silver, Albert P.; Lapidum, 1888.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY about one-half acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The parcel is located on the west side of Lapidum Road near the intersection with Stafford Road. It is bounded on the north by the Price house site and to the south by the Lyle property.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust	May 21, 1976
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Shaw House, 21 State Circle	267-1212
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Annapolis	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK PROPERTY

Joseph Spencer House

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	782	524	In 1968, Joseph L. Burkins sold Lots five and six in Lapidum to the Maryland State Department of Forests and Parks.
GCB	295	146	In 1946, Ernest Wood sold Joseph L. Burkins Lots five and six in Lapidum, also known as the Stevenson House property.
SWC	225	45	In 1932, the Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore sold Ernest H. Wood Lots five and six of the Stevenson House property. As a result of an equity case in 1925 involving Elizabeth Bruen Archer and William S. Archer, the property was transferred to the Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore (X 24). This firm was to act as a trustee in the place of the late Robert Archer.
ALJ	66	328	In 1890, Henry W. Archer, Jr., trustee for the estate of Henry W. Archer sold the lots to Robert Archer, trustee for Elizabeth Archer.
ALJ	54	185	In 1885, Mary E. Stephenson sold the two lots to Henry W. Archer.
WHD	17	360	Romulus R. Griffith sold the lots to Mary E. Donahoo in 1866. He had purchased the property that same year from Isaac Amos, sheriff and auctioneer.
WG	13	261	In 1862, Ann Archer sold the property to Benjamin F. Heath. The lots had been Archer land and laid out as part of Lapidum in 1858. *****
GRG	782	524	In 1968, Joseph L. Burkins sold Lot 19 and one-half of lot 20 to The Maryland Department of Forests and Parks.
GRG	305	69	In 1947, Joseph L. Burkins bought the two parcels from Joseph H. Burkins.
GCB	211	127	Hannah E. Spencer, widow, sold the lots to Joseph A. Burkins in 1928.
WSF	75	307	In 1893, Joseph E. Spencer sold the property to Hannah E. Spencer.
WSF	74	410	Robert Archer, trustee, sold the lots to Joseph E. Spencer in 1892.
ALJ	66	332	In 1890, Henry W. Archer, Jr., sold the lots to Robert Archer, trustee for Mary A. Archer. These lots were previously Archer property which was laid out as Lapidum in 1857.

<u>Libre</u>	<u>Folio</u>
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HD	Z 373
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In 1817, Cassandra Stump, widow of John Stump, conveyed the tract where Lapidum would be situated to Ann and Robert Archer.

HD	R 229
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In 1804, John Stump purchased this tract, being part of Eightrap, from Samuel Gover.

JLG	N 467
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Samuel Gover obtained $273\frac{1}{2}$ acres from his father, Gerrard Gover, in 1797.

